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This communication is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006. No fee is believed due because this response is timely filed within the period for response which is up to and including December 11, 2006 without an extension of time. Applicants request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office consider the following remarks and remove the pending restriction requirement for the following reasons.

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